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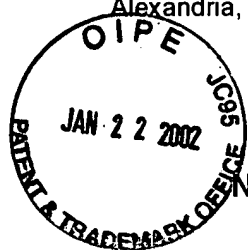
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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In re Patent Application of ) **BOX MISSING PARTS**  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

**BOX MISSING PARTS**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.53(b) dated October 24, 2001, enclosed please find:

- ☒ a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) and the surcharge of ☐ \$65.00 (205) ☒ \$130.00 (105) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e);
- ☐ Note that the inventor(s) identified on the currently filed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney are different from those listed on the application filing papers.
- ☐ a Request for Refund;
- ☒ a Petition for Extension of Time;
- ☐ a verified English translation of the Application, and the \$130.00 (139) fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k);
- ☐ an Assignment document and a separate check for the \$40.00 (581) Assignment recordation fee;
- ☐ drawings for publication;
- ☒ other Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application and Acknowledgment Postcard;
- ☒ a check in the amount of \$ 240.00 for the fee due for missing parts and one month extension of time; and

Transmittal Letter for Missing Parts of Application

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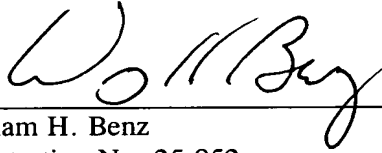
☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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